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ABSTRACT

Little is known about the effects of schooling on parents, especially on those with children who struggle in school. Drawing on a series of interviews with parents, this book provides an insider's view of what happens at home when school goes wrong. The stories in this book reveal that school troubles threaten the happiness and self-esteem of children; disrupt relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, and siblings; and deny parents and children many of the pleasures of family life. Some of the other topics covered include: (1) homework as a "carrier" for school troubles; (2) the degree to which the burdens of school troubles fall on mothers; (3) what parents think about labeling; (4) how school troubles shape people's perceptions of children; (5) how school troubles affect parent-school relationship; (6) parents' differential access to resources that can support children's schooling; and (7) advice for teachers and parents. (Contains 58 references.) (KB)

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